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SUBJECT: GON REQUESTS BOEING INFORMATION

REF: KATHMANDU 4158

- 1. THE GON HAS FORMALLY ASKED THE EMBASSY FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING ALLEGED PAYMENTS BY BOEING CORPORATION TO NEPALESE IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALE OF AN AIRCRAFT.
- 2. THE SUBSTANTIVE PORTION OF THE TEXT OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS' NOTE WHICH BEARS A "CONFIDENTIAL" CLASSIFICATION, FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT:

EXCELLENCY:

I WRITE WITH REFERENCE TO THE EMBASSY'S LETTER OF JULY 20, 1978, REGARDING THE STATEMENT FILED BY THE BOEING CORPORATION WHICH MENTIONS PAYMENT OF CERTAIN FEES TO A NEPALESE BUSINESS-MAN IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALE OF AN AIRCRAFT TO ROYAL NEPALESE AIRLINES.

AS YOU MAY BE AWARE, HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT HAS CONSTITUTED A COMMISSION TO INQUIRE INTO AND INVESTIGATE THESE CHARGES. IN VIEW OF THE COOPERATION THAT EXISTS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT IN THE EXCHANGE OF MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL INFORMATION, CONFIDENTIAL

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I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOUR EXCELLENCY COULD COMMUNICATE TO ME OFFICIALLY THE NAME OF THE CONSULTANT WHO MADE THE PAYMENT AND THE NAME OF THE NEPALESE INDIVIDUAL WHO RECEIVED IT. END TEXT

THE NOTE IS SIGNED BY FOREIGN SECRETARY BHATT.

3. WE HOPE THE DEPARTMENT WILL ENABLE US TO BE AS FORTHCOMING AS POSSIBLE IN RESPONSE TO THE GON'S REQUEST. THE GON IS ON PUBLIC RECORD AS HAVING SET A ONE-MONTH DEADLINE FROM AUGUST 10 FOR THE INVESTIGATING COMMISSION TO REPORT. WE URGE THAT THIS MATTER BE TREATED PROMPTLY.
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